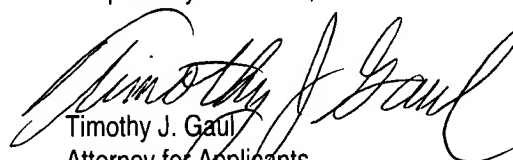


website. Furthermore, the Office Action did not include a Notice to Comply. The Applicants thus conclude that the paragraph on sequence listing was included in the Office Action in error and that they have rendered as complete a response to the Office Action as is possible in the absence of the Notice to Comply.

**Specification.** The Office Action alleges that the specification does not claim benefit of a priority application and that the Applicants should submit an amendment to that effect. The Applicants have, however, requested such an amendment in the Transmittal Letter mailed November 9, 2000 (see boldface therein). The Applicants hereby reiterate their request that such amendment be entered.

**Conclusion.** In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully request entry of all amendments, withdrawal of all objections and rejections and requirements, and allowance of all claims.

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